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**Substitute Bill No. 5748**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TEENAGE DRIVERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 14-227b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (j) The commissioner shall suspend the operator's license or  
5 nonresident operating privilege of a person under twenty-one years of  
6 age who did not contact the department to schedule a hearing, who  
7 failed to appear at a hearing or against whom, after a hearing the  
8 commissioner held pursuant to subsection (h) of this section, as of the  
9 effective date contained in the suspension notice or the date the  
10 commissioner renders a decision whichever is later, for twice the  
11 appropriate period of time specified in subsection (i) of this section,  
12 except that, in the case of a person who is sixteen or seventeen years of  
13 age at the time of the alleged offense, the period of suspension shall be  
14 for not less than one year.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-36 of the 2008 supplement to the  
16 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
17 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

18 (c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or  
19 seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's

20 license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or  
21 revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a  
22 learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an  
23 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as  
24 to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of  
25 the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49 of  
26 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and has filed a certificate,  
27 in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting  
28 to the issuance of the learner's permit and the motor vehicle operator's  
29 license, signed by (A) one or both parents or foster parents of the  
30 applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the legal guardian of the  
31 applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen years of  
32 age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no qualified spouse and such  
33 applicant's parent or foster parent or legal guardian is deceased,  
34 incapable, domiciled without the state or otherwise unavailable or  
35 unable to sign or file the certificate, the applicant's stepparent, or uncle  
36 or aunt by blood or marriage, provided such person is eighteen years  
37 of age or older. The commissioner may, for the more efficient  
38 administration of the commissioner's duties, appoint any drivers'  
39 school licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-69 or  
40 any secondary school providing instruction in motor vehicle operation  
41 and highway safety in accordance with section 14-36e to issue a  
42 learner's permit, subject to such standards and requirements as the  
43 commissioner may prescribe in regulations adopted in accordance  
44 with chapter 54. Each learner's permit shall expire on the date the  
45 holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle operator's license or on  
46 the date the holder attains the age of eighteen years, whichever is  
47 earlier. (2) The learner's permit shall entitle the holder, while such  
48 holder has the permit in his or her immediate possession, to operate a  
49 motor vehicle on the public highways, provided such holder is under  
50 the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an  
51 instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a  
52 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,  
53 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the  
54 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had

55 his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the  
56 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction.  
57 (3) [For the period of three months after the date of issuance of such  
58 permit, unless] Unless the holder of the permit is under the instruction  
59 of and accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license  
60 issued under the provisions of section 14-73, the holder shall not  
61 transport more than (A) one passenger who meets the provisions of  
62 subdivision (2) of this subsection, or (B) such holder's parents or legal  
63 guardian, at least one of whom holds a motor vehicle operator's  
64 license. (4) [For the period beginning three months after the date of  
65 issuance of such permit and ending six months after the date of  
66 issuance of such permit, unless the holder is under the instruction of  
67 and accompanied by a person who holds an instructor's license issued  
68 under the provisions of section 14-73, such holder shall not transport  
69 any passenger other than as permitted under subdivision (2) or (3) of  
70 this subsection and any additional member or members of such  
71 holder's immediate family. (5)] The holder of a learner's permit who  
72 (A) is an active member of a certified ambulance service, as defined in  
73 section 19a-175, (B) has commenced an emergency vehicle operator's  
74 course that conforms to the national standard curriculum developed  
75 by the United States Department of Transportation, and (C) has had  
76 state and national criminal history records checks conducted by the  
77 certified ambulance service or by the municipality in which such  
78 ambulance service is provided, shall be exempt from the provisions of  
79 subdivisions (2) [, and (3) [and (4)] of this subsection only when such  
80 holder is en route to or from the location of the ambulance for  
81 purposes of responding to an emergency call. [(6)] (5) The  
82 commissioner may revoke any learner's permit used in violation of the  
83 limitations imposed by subdivision (2) [, or (3) [or (4)] of this  
84 subsection.

85 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is  
86 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
87 *October 1, 2008*):

88 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any  
89 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant  
90 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified  
91 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the commissioner  
92 a certificate of the successful completion (i) in a public secondary  
93 school, a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full  
94 course of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in  
95 section 14-36e, (ii) of training of similar nature provided by a licensed  
96 drivers' school approved by the commissioner, or (iii) of home training  
97 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, including, in each  
98 case, or by a combination of such types of training, successful  
99 completion of not less than [twenty] forty clock hours of behind-the-  
100 wheel, on-the-road instruction; (B) present to the commissioner a  
101 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than eight  
102 hours relative to safe driving practices, including a minimum of four  
103 hours on the nature and the medical, biological and physiological  
104 effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the operator of a  
105 motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation of a motor  
106 vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the operator, the  
107 problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for alcohol and  
108 drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an examination  
109 which shall include a comprehensive test as to knowledge of the laws  
110 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road and an on-the-road  
111 skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time of application  
112 and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license, an applicant  
113 sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a learner's permit for  
114 not less than one hundred eighty days, except that an applicant who  
115 presents a certificate under subparagraph (A)(i) or subparagraph  
116 (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall have held a learner's permit for not less  
117 than one hundred twenty days and an applicant who is undergoing  
118 training and instruction by the handicapped driver training unit in  
119 accordance with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such  
120 permit for the period of time required by said unit. The Commissioner  
121 of Motor Vehicles shall approve the content of the safe driving  
122 instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary

123 schools. Such hours of instruction required by this subdivision shall be  
124 included as part of or in addition to any existing instruction programs.  
125 Any fee charged for the course required under subparagraph (B) of  
126 this subdivision shall not exceed an amount prescribed by the  
127 commissioner by regulation, adopted in accordance with chapter 54.  
128 Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who, while a resident  
129 of another state, completed the course required in subparagraph (A) of  
130 this subdivision, but did not complete the safe driving course required  
131 in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, shall complete the safe driving  
132 course, and any fee charged for the course shall not exceed an amount  
133 prescribed by the commissioner by regulation, adopted in accordance  
134 with chapter 54. The commissioner may waive any requirement in this  
135 subdivision, except for that in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in  
136 the case of an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a  
137 valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by any other state,  
138 provided the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received  
139 training and instruction of a similar nature. (2) The commissioner may  
140 accept as evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of  
141 subdivision (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a  
142 written statement signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant,  
143 or by a parent, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of an  
144 applicant which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's  
145 permit and has successfully completed a driving course taught by the  
146 person signing the statement, that the signer has had an operator's  
147 license for at least four years preceding the date of the statement, and  
148 that the signer has not had such license suspended by the  
149 commissioner for at least four years preceding the date of the  
150 statement or, if the applicant has no spouse, parent, grandparent,  
151 foster parent or guardian so qualified and available to give the  
152 instruction, a statement signed by the applicant's stepparent, brother,  
153 sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or marriage, provided the person  
154 signing the statement is qualified. (3) If the commissioner requires a  
155 written test of any applicant under this section, the test shall be given  
156 in English or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the  
157 commissioner shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient

158 understanding of English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.  
159 (4) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in  
160 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the  
161 purposes of this subsection concerning the requirements for behind-  
162 the-wheel, on-the-road instruction and the content of safe driving  
163 instruction at drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary  
164 schools.

165 Sec. 4. Section 14-36g of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes  
166 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
167 *October 1, 2008*):

168 (a) Each person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and  
169 who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall comply with the  
170 following requirements:

171 (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the  
172 period of [~~three~~] six months after the date of issuance of such license,  
173 such person shall not transport more than (A) such person's parents or  
174 legal guardian, at least one of whom holds a motor vehicle operator's  
175 license, or (B) one passenger who is a driving instructor licensed by the  
176 Department of Motor Vehicles, or a person twenty years of age or  
177 older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four years  
178 preceding the time of being transported, a motor vehicle of the same  
179 class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or  
180 her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner  
181 during such four-year period;

182 (2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for the  
183 period beginning [~~three~~] six months after the date of issuance of such  
184 license and ending [~~six months~~] one year after the date of issuance of  
185 such license, such person shall not transport any passenger other than  
186 as permitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection and any  
187 additional member or members of such person's immediate family;

188 (3) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a

189 public passenger transportation permit is required in accordance with  
190 the provisions of section 14-44 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
191 statutes or a vanpool vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2008  
192 supplement to the general statutes;

193 (4) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor  
194 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in  
195 such motor vehicle, and each passenger shall wear a seat safety belt in  
196 accordance with the provisions of section 14-100a, as amended by this  
197 act;

198 (5) No such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall transport  
199 any passenger on a motorcycle for a period of six months after the date  
200 of issuance; and

201 (6) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no such  
202 person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway, as defined in  
203 section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, at or after  
204 [midnight] 11:00 p.m. until and including 5:00 a.m. of the [same]  
205 following day unless (A) such person is traveling for his or her  
206 employment or school or religious activities, (B) there is a medical  
207 necessity for such travel, or (C) such person is an assigned driver in a  
208 Safe Ride program sponsored by the American Red Cross, the Boy  
209 Scouts of America or other national public service organization.

210 (b) A person who holds a motor vehicle operator's license and who  
211 is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall not be subject to the  
212 restrictions on the number or type of passengers specified in  
213 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, or to the  
214 restrictions specified in subdivision (6) of said subsection (a), if such  
215 person is an active member of a volunteer fire company or department,  
216 a volunteer ambulance service or company or an emergency medical  
217 service organization and if such person is responding to an emergency  
218 or is carrying out his or her duties as such active member.

219 (c) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in

220 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection  
221 (a) of this section.

222 (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this  
223 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The  
224 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after notice and opportunity for a  
225 hearing, in accordance with chapter 54, may suspend the motor vehicle  
226 operator's license of any person who commits a [second or subsequent]  
227 violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. For a first  
228 violation, the commissioner may impose a suspension for a period of  
229 thirty days, and for a second or subsequent violation, the  
230 commissioner may suspend such person's operator's license for a  
231 period of six months or until such person attains the age of eighteen  
232 years, whichever is longer.

233 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general statutes is  
234 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
235 *October 1, 2008*):

236 (a) Any person whose operator's license or right to operate a motor  
237 vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the  
238 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or who has been disqualified from  
239 operating a commercial motor vehicle, shall pay a restoration fee [of  
240 one hundred twenty-five dollars] to said commissioner prior to the  
241 issuance to such person of a new operator's license or the restoration of  
242 such operator's license or such privilege to operate a motor vehicle or  
243 commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration fee shall be one hundred  
244 twenty-five dollars except that, in the case of a person suspended for a  
245 second or subsequent time for a violation of section 14-36g, as  
246 amended by this act, or for a second or subsequent time for a violation  
247 specified in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 14-111, as  
248 amended by this act, such restoration fee shall be two hundred fifty  
249 dollars. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees  
250 provided by law.

251 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 14-100a of the 2008 supplement to



252 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
253 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

254 (c) (1) The operator of and any front seat passenger in a motor  
255 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not exceeding ten thousand  
256 pounds or fire fighting apparatus originally equipped with seat safety  
257 belts complying with the provisions of the Code of Federal  
258 Regulations, Title 49, Section 571.209, as amended from time to time,  
259 shall wear such seat safety belt while the vehicle is being operated on  
260 [the highways of this state] any highway, except [that a] as follows:

261 (A) A child six years of age and under shall be restrained as  
262 provided in subsection (d) of this section. Each operator of such  
263 vehicle shall secure or cause to be secured in a seat safety belt any  
264 passenger seven years of age or older and under sixteen years of age.

265 (B) No operator who is less than eighteen years of age shall  
266 transport more passengers than the number of seat safety belts  
267 permanently installed in the motor vehicle being operated. Such  
268 operator and each passenger in such motor vehicle shall wear a seat  
269 safety belt at all times while the vehicle is being operated on any  
270 highway.

271 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not  
272 apply to (A) any person whose physical disability or impairment  
273 would prevent restraint in such safety belt, provided such person  
274 obtains a written statement from a licensed physician containing  
275 reasons for such person's inability to wear such safety belt and  
276 including information concerning the nature and extent of such  
277 condition. Such person shall carry the statement on his or her person  
278 or in the motor vehicle at all times when it is being operated, or (B) an  
279 authorized emergency vehicle, other than fire fighting apparatus,  
280 responding to an emergency call or a motor vehicle operated by a rural  
281 letter carrier of the United States postal service while performing his or  
282 her official duties or by a person engaged in the delivery of  
283 newspapers.

284 (3) Failure to wear a seat safety belt shall not be considered as  
285 contributory negligence nor shall such failure be admissible evidence  
286 in any civil action.

287 (4) [On and after February 1, 1986, any] Any person who is eighteen  
288 years of age or older who violates [the provisions] any provision of  
289 this subsection shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined  
290 fifteen dollars. Any person who is less than eighteen years of age who  
291 violates any provision of this subsection shall have committed an  
292 infraction and shall be fined ninety dollars. Points may not be assessed  
293 against the operator's license of any person who is eighteen years of  
294 age or older who is convicted of such violation.

295 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the general statutes is  
296 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
297 *October 1, 2008*):

298 (b) (1) [Whenever] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this  
299 subsection, whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's  
300 license has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has  
301 received a suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following  
302 violations, the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend [his] such  
303 person's operator's license as follows: For a first violation of subsection  
304 (a) of section 14-224 or section 14-110, 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period  
305 of not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
306 period of not less than two years; for a violation of subsection (a) of  
307 section 14-222, for a period of not less than thirty days or more than  
308 ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not  
309 less than ninety days; for a violation of subsection (b) of section 14-224,  
310 for a period of not less than ninety days; for a first violation of  
311 subsection (b) of section 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety  
312 days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less  
313 than five years; for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147,  
314 for a period of not less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation  
315 thereof, for a period of not less than one year.

316       (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-111b, whenever the  
317       holder of any motor vehicle operator's license who is less than eighteen  
318       years of age has been convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has  
319       received a suspended judgment or sentence for any of the following  
320       violations, the commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such  
321       person's operator's license as follows: For a first violation of section 14-  
322       219, for a period of forty-five days and, for a second violation thereof,  
323       for a period of ninety days and, for a third or subsequent violation  
324       thereof, for a period of six months; for a first violation of subsection (a)  
325       of section 14-222, for a period of six months and, for a subsequent  
326       violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a violation of subsection  
327       (c) of section 14-224, for a period of six months and, for a subsequent  
328       violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a first violation of section  
329       14-296aa, for a period of thirty days and, for a second violation thereof,  
330       for a period of ninety days and, for a third or subsequent violation  
331       thereof, for a period of six months.

332       [(2)] (3) The commissioner may suspend the motor vehicle  
333       operator's license of any person (A) who was arrested for a felony, and  
334       (B) for whom there is an outstanding warrant for rearrest for failing to  
335       appear when legally called with regard to such felony. The suspension  
336       shall terminate no later than the date on which such person appears  
337       before the court with regard to such felony or such failure to appear.

338       Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 14-111g of the general statutes is  
339       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
340       *October 1, 2008*):

341       (a) For the purposes of this subsection, "moving violation" means  
342       any violation of subsection (c) of section 14-36, as amended by this act,  
343       section 14-36g, as amended by this act, 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-223,  
344       14-230 to 14-249, inclusive, 14-279, 14-289b, 14-296aa, 14-299, 14-301,  
345       14-302 or 14-303, and "suspension violation" means a violation of  
346       section 14-222a or 14-224, subsection (a) of section 14-227a, or section  
347       53a-56b, 53a-57 or 53a-60d. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may  
348       require any licensed motor vehicle operator who is twenty-four years

349 of age or less, who has been convicted of a moving violation or a  
350 suspension violation, or both, committed on two or more occasions to  
351 attend a motor vehicle operator's retraining program. The  
352 commissioner may require any licensed motor vehicle operator over  
353 twenty-four years of age, who has been convicted of a moving  
354 violation or a suspension violation or a combination of said violations,  
355 committed on three or more occasions to attend a motor vehicle  
356 operator's retraining program. The retraining program shall (1) review  
357 principles of motor vehicle operation, (2) develop alternative attitudes  
358 for those attitudes contributing to aggressive driving behavior, and (3)  
359 emphasize the need to practice safe driving behavior. The retraining  
360 program shall be offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by  
361 any other organization conducting such a program certified by the  
362 commissioner. The commissioner shall notify such operator, in  
363 writing, of such requirement. A fee of not more than sixty dollars shall  
364 be charged for the retraining program. The commissioner, after notice  
365 and opportunity for hearing, may suspend the motor vehicle  
366 operator's license of any such operator who fails to attend or  
367 successfully complete the program until the operator successfully  
368 completes the program. The hearing shall be limited to any claim of  
369 impossibility of the operator to attend the retraining program, or to a  
370 determination of mistake or misidentification.

371       Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) If a police officer issues  
372 an infractions complaint to any person for a violation of the provisions  
373 of section 14-36g of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as  
374 amended by this act, the motor vehicle operator's license of such  
375 person may be suspended for a period of forty-eight hours, and such  
376 officer, acting on behalf of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, may  
377 immediately seize and take possession of such person's motor vehicle  
378 operator's license and may cause such vehicle to be removed. The  
379 officer shall notify the registered owner of such motor vehicle that such  
380 motor vehicle has been removed and of the location of such vehicle. In  
381 order to regain possession of such person's operator's license, after  
382 such forty-eight-hour period, such person and such person's parent or

383 legal guardian shall be required to appear personally at the police  
384 department, state police barracks or other location designated by the  
385 police officer, and to sign a written acknowledgement for the return of  
386 such license. In order for the owner of such motor vehicle to regain  
387 possession of such motor vehicle, such owner shall be required to  
388 appear personally at the police department, state police barracks or  
389 other location designated by the police officer, and to sign a written  
390 acknowledgement for the return of such motor vehicle. No restoration  
391 fee shall be required to be paid to the commissioner, in accordance  
392 with the provisions of section 14-50b of the general statutes, as  
393 amended by this act, but the police officer shall make a written report  
394 of the violation and the suspension action, in such form and containing  
395 such information as the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall file or  
396 transmit such report to the commissioner in such time and manner as  
397 the commissioner shall prescribe.

398 (b) If any person operating a motor vehicle, subject to the provisions  
399 of section 14-36g of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as  
400 amended by this act, is stopped by a police officer and arrested by such  
401 officer for (A) exceeding a posted speed limit established pursuant to  
402 14-218a of the general statutes by twenty miles per hour or more, (B)  
403 operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs in  
404 violation of section 14-227a or 14-227g of the general statutes, (C)  
405 engaging in racing a motor vehicle on a public highway in violation of  
406 subsection (c) of section 14-224 of the general statutes, or (D) operating  
407 a motor vehicle recklessly in violation of section 14-222 of the general  
408 statutes, the motor vehicle operator's license of such person shall be  
409 suspended for a period of forty-eight hours, and such officer, acting on  
410 behalf of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall immediately seize  
411 and take possession of such person's motor vehicle operator's license  
412 and cause such motor vehicle to be removed. The officer shall notify  
413 the registered owner of such motor vehicle that such motor vehicle has  
414 been removed and of the location of such vehicle. In order to regain  
415 possession of such person's operator's license after such forty-eight-  
416 hour period, such person and such person's parent or legal guardian

417 shall be required to appear personally at the police department, state  
418 police barracks or other location designated by the police officer, and  
419 to sign a written acknowledgement for the return of such license. In  
420 order for the owner of such motor vehicle to regain possession of such  
421 motor vehicle, such owner shall be required to appear personally at the  
422 police department, state police barracks or other location designated  
423 by the police officer, and to sign a written acknowledgement for the  
424 return of such motor vehicle. No restoration fee shall be required to be  
425 paid to the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section  
426 14-50b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, but the police  
427 officer shall make a written report of the violation and the suspension  
428 action, in such form and containing such information as the  
429 commissioner shall prescribe, and shall file or transmit such report to  
430 the commissioner in such time and manner as the commissioner shall  
431 prescribe.

432       Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of  
433 Motor Vehicles shall amend the regulations adopted pursuant to  
434 section 14-36e of the general statutes concerning the content of safe  
435 driving instruction courses offered at drivers' schools, high schools  
436 and other secondary schools to require such eight hours of instruction  
437 to include two hours of instruction concerning the statutory  
438 provisions, including penalties, applicable to drivers who are less than  
439 eighteen years of age, the dangers of teenage driving, the cognitive  
440 development of adolescents, the responsibilities and liabilities of  
441 parents of teenage drivers, and related topics deemed by the  
442 commissioner to be appropriate.

443       (b) A parent or guardian of any person with a learner's permit who  
444 is less than eighteen years of age shall attend such two hours of  
445 instruction with such person. Before the holder of a learner's permit is  
446 permitted to take the driver's test, such person shall provide an  
447 affidavit to the commissioner, signed under penalty of false statement,  
448 by an official of the driver's school, high school or other secondary  
449 school by which such course was conducted, that a parent or guardian

450 attended the two hours of instruction required by subsection (a) of this  
451 section with such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-227b(j)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-36(c)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-36(d)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-36g
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-50b(a)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-100a(c)
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